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## **TWO LCO TRIBAL MEMBERS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING FEDERAL COURT ORDER**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced the arrests today of Frank Crone, DOB 2/16/61, and Genoveva Gonzalez, DOB 6/22/72, both residents of the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Reservation in Sawyer County. Crone and Gonzalez were charged in two indictments returned by a federal grand jury in Madison on March 30, 2006; those indictments were unsealed today following the arrests in Sawyer County.

The indictments allege that Crone and Gonzalez were both ordered by the United States District Court to appear and testify as witnesses during the December 5, 2005 trial in *United States v. John Radermacher, et al.* That Latin King drug conspiracy jury trial took place from December 5 through December 12, 2005. The indictment alleges that Crone and Gonzalez disobeyed that order from the Court commanding them to testify. If convicted of these contempt charges, Crone and Gonzalez face punishment by fine and imprisonment, with the amount of fine and term of imprisonment left to the discretion of the sentencing judge.

U.S. Attorney Sinnott stated that these two indictments are the result of the long-

term drug investigation conducted on the LCO Reservation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, and the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department. Prosecution of these cases is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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